

MINISTER POWELL LAUDS THE NAVY

Letter to Commander Miller
of Cruiser Columbia.

THE NATION'S HONOR UPHELD

People Owe Much to Officers and Men
for Conserving American In-
terest at All Times.

The Navy Department makes public a letter written by Minister Powell, at Santo Domingo, to the commander of the United States ship Columbia, Capt. J. M. Miller, upon the latter's departure from those waters. He thanks the captain for having upheld American rights and protecting American interests, and continues:

"Allow me to also say to you at this moment that our people in the States owe very much to our navy and to the officers therein for the able and efficient manner in which they have at all times maintained the national honor and conserved American interests abroad, and when such occasions have occurred they have won and added new laurels not only for themselves but for the nation at large, and dedicated a new page to our country's history.

Exemplified Abroad.
"This fact may not be so easily demonstrated to those who rest in the peaceful quiet of their homes, but it is demonstrated and exemplified by those whose interests call them from without its geographical limits.

"The American people cannot be too proud of its naval vessels, of the officers and men who command them, as they stand today before the world, the great bulwark of the nation's defense and the national honor.

"Allow me further to say to you, sir, that higher power which directs and controls all our movements ever have you and the officers and men in your command under His watchful care and protection. May you also in the near future win higher honors and add new laurels to those you have already won in the defense of your country's flag, and in maintaining the prestige of our common country in foreign waters."

STREET CLEANING DEPARTMENT TROUBLES

Women Are Indulging in the Liveliest
Kind of "Knocking."

The Street Cleaning Department is coming in for some strong abuse this winter, and the women of Washington are giving the hardest "knocks" to this branch of the local Government. The District Commissioners are in receipt of communication from Mrs. T. W. Sidwell, of 801 Twenty-first Street, west, complaining that Twenty-first Street has not been swept as it should have been.

"Aside from my personal objections to all this dirt," says the writer, "I complain because I am sorry to hear both residents and strangers say that Washington has lost its reputation for the beauty which depends on cleanliness." Mrs. Sidwell complains of the infrequency of street sweeping, the practice of allowing ashes to be sprinkled on slippery sidewalks, and the general neglect of all the streets of the city.

Warner Stutler, Superintendent of Street Cleaning, has reported to the Commissioners that he has done everything possible through the winter to clean the streets. Mrs. Sidwell's communication, however, has resulted in a band of sweepers and several carts being put to work on Twenty-first Street in front of the complainant's residence.

GIRL SLASHED THE BOY FOR SUPPOSED INSULT

Several boys were standing at the mouth of Willow Tree Alley southwest yesterday afternoon gazing a small boy because he had his hair cropped short, when along came Lizzie Davis, a negro girl, who thought they were talking to her. With an oath she rushed at George Edwards, and drawing a pocketknife from her apron pocket, slashed him about the head. A policeman responded to the cries of murder and George was removed to the Emergency Hospital, where Dr. White took several stitches in George's head, dressed the wound, and sent him home. Lizzie was taken into custody by the police, charged with assault, and urged Lizzie on, was arrested, because of her disorderly conduct when a policeman arrested Lizzie. They will be given a hearing in the Police Court Monday.

NEW OFFICERS OF BIG CHICAGO ADVERTISING FIRM

The Chicago papers of the current week devote much space to the wonderful growth of the advertising business as a whole, and that of Lord & Thomas in particular, owing to the retirement of E. H. Lord, the senior member of the firm, who leaves active business life with a rich competence.

The business of Lord & Thomas has been one of the most aggressive and progressive of its kind in the country. Having in recent years been under the active management of A. L. Thomas, whose judgment on advertising matters is considered as authoritative by the vast body of publicity users, Mr. Thomas has succeeded Mr. Lord in the presidency and will continue at the head of the firm.

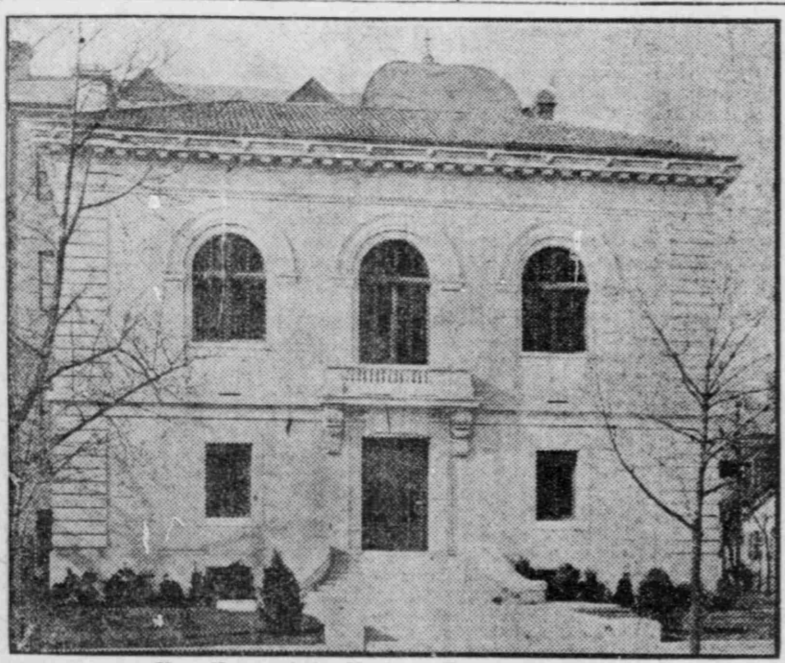
MULLEN'S BID ACCEPTED FOR ANACOSTIA GRADING

Bids for grading certain streets in Anacostia were opened at the District Building yesterday, showing the lowest bidder to be G. B. Mullen, who proposed to do the work for \$2 cents a cubic yard.

The other bids were as follows: E. G. Oummet, 28 cents per cubic yard; Matthew Myers, 3 cents; and George E. Wayne, 4 cents.

Hubbard Memorial Hall To Be Formally Opened

THE HUBBARD MEMORIAL.



New Home of the National Geographic Society.

National Geographic Society Issues Invitations for Its First Meeting in New Edifice on March 15--Handsome Interior.

Invitations to the grand opening of the Gardner Greene Hubbard Memorial Hall, corner Sixteenth and M Streets, are being issued by the National Geographic Society, which will hold its first meeting in the newly completed building on March 15.

Gardner Hubbard was the first president of the society, and the building was erected by his family as a memorial to him. Mr. Hubbard was also a regent of the Smithsonian Institution and a member of the American Institute of Science. The building, which was designed by Hornblower & Marshall, was constructed at a cost of \$75,000. It is built of Indiana limestone and yellow tiled brick, and the whole effect is pleasing.

A Handsome Interior.

The interior is especially handsome in finish, and the main meeting hall on the second floor, which will seat 200 persons, contains one of the most elegantly ornamented mantelpieces in the city. The lower hall will be occupied as offices

for the society, with a large room to be used for reception purposes.

Gilbert Grosvenor, editor of the "National Geographic Magazine," and O. P. Austin, secretary of the society, have offices on the floor, while a special room is set aside for the use of President W. J. McGee.

Membership of Three Thousand.

The National Geographic Society now has a membership of about 3,000. In its ranks are famous explorers and men of scientific achievement, and addresses made by them before the society and published in pamphlet form or in the "National Geographic Magazine" are regarded as most reliable contributions to the scientific literature of the day.

Heretofore the society has had only cramped quarters and was much hampered in its work by lack of facilities. With the new building on Sixteenth Street, however, all this will be changed, and the new quarters will provide all the facilities that could be desired. Members of the society feel that they are indeed fortunate to be so well located.

ROOSEVELT ELK VICTIM OF SECRET SOCIETIES

Forest Reserve Proposed to Stay Slaughter
of Animals Occasioned by Demand for
Teeth as Lodge Emblems.

Citizens of the State of Washington are aroused over the promiscuous slaughtering of the elk in the Olympic Mountains by hunters who kill them solely for their teeth. They carried their grievance to the President yesterday.

Representative Humphrey, of the Seattle district, and Allen Weir, a leading hunter of his State, called and urged that the Olympic Mountain region be

made a forest reserve. This would insure protection to game in the region. The elk are called the Roosevelt elk. They were named some time ago in honor of the President. The variety is especially fine, and their teeth are valued above all others for use as lodge emblems. But two teeth of each elk are used for this purpose.

The President is interested in the matter and assured his callers he would do what he could.

NEGROES WILL HOLD A MASS CONVENTION

Committee Named to Call Meeting in
the Interests of James Poe as
Delegate to Chicago.

The committee managing the campaign in favor of James W. Poe for delegate and Coleman Horner for alternate to the Chicago convention is arranging for a Chicago convention which will formally nominate them and at the same time nominate a white candidate for delegate and a white candidate for alternate.

The following committee will name the time and place for the convention: D. F. Peace, John Genus, Robert H. Johnson, John Lawson, W. T. Morris, Jerome Durnore, Cornelius Lewis, East Rembert, C. Coats, W. T. Hunt, C. S. Summers, R. F. Plummer, H. A. Nickens, Marco Payne, R. S. Ross, R. C. Boose, Michael Robinson, J. C. Luckett, F. S. Golden, G. P. Brown, and P. W. Ross. Clubs have been organized in most of the assembly districts favorable to James W. Poe for the negro delegate. The committee thinks that his election is practically assured, as no other candidate seems to have so strong a following. He seems to be a compromise candidate, who will prevent the usual friction in the contest.

The name of a white man in the northwest and one in the southwest are being considered and will come before the convention. The temporary headquarters of the committee is at 808 South Capitol Street.

The convention will not be given out before the convention assemblies to nominate a full ticket of two delegates and two alternates.

OFFERED FOR PROBATE.

The will of Margaret A. Gilbert, dated May 14, 1896, has been offered for probate. She leaves her estate to her daughter, Eva Nelson Gilbert. James Curley, of Georgetown College, by his will, dated February 18, 1893, leaves his estate to his friends, Robert W. Eady, of the College of Holy Cross, Massachusetts; Patrick F. Healey and Charles K. Jenkins, of Georgetown College, in fee simple.

JUDGE QUESTIONS EXCLUSION ACT

Declares Portion of the
Law Unconstitutional.

COULD DEPORT ANY PERSON

Justice Francis Wing, of Ohio District
Court, Says No Person Is
Safe From Arrest.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 27.—Judge Francis J. Wing, of the United States district court, has held that a portion of the Chinese exclusion act is unconstitutional.

The part which, to his mind, will not stand the investigation of the Supreme Court, is that which allows the arrest of any person in a community by affidavit and warrant and then tried without jury or other protection to which a person is entitled. Relative to this, Judge Wing said today:

"This would result in the deportation to China of the arrested person, in case he is a Chinaman, or the banishment of any other person. As it now is, there is nothing to guard against you or myself from being arrested and being deported, in case it were the personal whim of the judge to so decree."

The point of constitutionality of the law is not raised where the nationality of a Chinaman is proved.

WILL HOLD INQUEST ON CONNOLLY'S DEATH

Coroner Will Inquire Into Possible Neg-
ligence of Company.

An autopsy and inquest will be held at the Sixth precinct police station by Coroner Nevitt tomorrow at 11 o'clock over the body of Hugh J. Connolly, who was killed by the Philadelphia and Washington Railroad, who was run over and killed while working under a passenger car in the New Jersey Avenue yard yesterday morning.

Connolly was repairing the steam heating apparatus of the car and was lying underneath it when another car was backed against it. He endeavored to get from under the car, and the wheel struck him, afterward passing over his abdomen, causing instant death. The body is at present at the morgue. As there is a suspicion of negligence on the part of some one the inquest will be held tomorrow to fix the responsibility or neglect.

GEORGIA AFFLICTED WITH SMALLPOX

Smallpox is raging severely in Georgia, according to a report from Dr. H. F. Harris, secretary of the State board of health, embodied in the latest report of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.

Dr. Harris says there are thousands of cases in the State, and many people are dying. Great difficulty is experienced in carrying out vaccination, much prejudice existing against it.

Fitzgerald Disregards "Jim" O'Leary's Pull

"Gambler King" Held in Bond of \$1,000 to
Appear Before Cook County Grand
Jury for Making a Book.

CHICAGO, Ill., Feb. 27.—Something has gone wrong with "Jim" O'Leary's "pull" and the gambler king has been held to appear before the grand jury—a situation which may mean that the notorious lawbreaker will be forced to do penance behind prison bars. Justice Fitzgerald, who three times invited capture by forfeiting O'Leary's bonds "conditionally," was the magistrate who finally had the temerity to entangle O'Leary in the law's machinery. O'Leary is known to the sporting gentry from one end of the country to the other.

But even with a possible jail sentence staring him in the face, O'Leary started a new gambling operation. In his Hal-

stead Street poolroom he opened a book on the gubernatorial race, the odds he offered being as follows: Lowden and Hamlin, 2 to 1; Deneen, 5 to 2; Yates, 4 to 1; Sherman and Warren, 10 to 1.

Justice Fitzgerald makes no secret of the fact that O'Leary has been immune from the law. After he has held the boss gambler to the grand jury in bonds of \$1,000—which means that under the statute for the second offense a jail penalty and a fine may be imposed—the stockyards magistrate, who owes his appointment to Mayor Harrison, tactfully admitted that O'Leary's "pull" is so strong that few justices dare to deal with him as they would with an ordinary criminal.

At the opening of the session Representative Adams (Rep., Pa.) made an attack upon the Pension Committee, declaring that he had not received fair treatment at its hands. He declared that when requested as others members had been to indicate a certain number of bills which he wished considered, he had done so, but that "an insolent clerk" detailed from the Pension Bureau had turned all of his bills down.

Adams makes threat.

Mr. Adams declared that he was in favor of pensions, that his constituents had as meritorious claims to pensions as the constituents of any other member, and that unless they were treated fairly, he would feel obliged to "block legislation," much as he would dislike to do so. Mr. Adams said he had been a member of the House for ten years and had recently been informed that he was to have another term, whereupon Mr. Cochran (Dem., Mo.), amid the laughter of the House, referring to the machine wrought nominations and elections in Philadelphia, from which city Mr. Adams hails, wanted to know who had assured him (Adams) that he was to be re-nominated.

Mr. Sulloway (Rep., N. H.), chairman of the Committee on Invalid Pensions, asserted that two of Mr. Adams' bills had been favorably acted upon by the committee, and that the four others which he had asked to be considered were found to be lacking in merit, and hence not reported. Mr. Adams did not carry out his threat to "block legislation."

Charles M. Pepper delivered a lecture yesterday afternoon at the Columbian University on the Argentine Republic, in which he spoke of the wonderful resources of that country, and declared it to be a "land of promise."

Mr. Pepper illustrated his lecture with stereoscopic views showing scenes in Buenos Ayres, and in the mountains over which he traveled. He found the natives an intelligent and fairly industrious class, and he believed that Argentina was destined to become a powerful state when its resources were properly developed.

Mr. Pepper said it was to be regretted that the treaty between the Argentine Republic and the United States had never been ratified.

The Revenue Service Bureau has wired to the captain of the cutter "Meredith" at San Francisco, ordering the discharge of six Russian sailors employed on the cutter. They applied for discharges on the ground that they wanted to go home and fight for their country, and Captain Shoemaker has allowed them to go.

It is supposed in view of the difficulty of getting across the scenes of the fighting from the Pacific side that the discharged men will go to Russia by way of New York.

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